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SUBJECT: NEWSWEEK ITEM

WE ARE REPEATING, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AN ITEM WHICH
APPEARED IN NEWSWEEK'S (AUGUST 28) PERISCOPE SECTION.
BEGIN TEXT: ISRAEL'S OVERTURE TO THE SAUDIS: IT TURNS
OUT THAT ISRAEL, WHICH HAS BEEN QUIETLY TRYING TO BUILD
BRIDGES TO THE ARAB WORLD'S POLITICAL MODERATES, TRIED
EARLY THIS YEAR TO MAKE ITS FIRST DIRECT CONTACT WITH
SAUDI ARABIA, LONG THE ARCHFOE OF ZIONISM. THE ISRAELIS
SECRETLY ASKED JOHN WEST, THE US AMBASSADOR TO SAUDI
ARABIA, TO SET UP A MEETING BETWEEN ISRAELI FOREIGN
MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN AND SAUDI CROWN PRINCE FAHD, WHO IS
NOT ONLY HEIR TO THE THRONE BUT HIS COUNTRY'S DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER. BUT THE SAUDIS APPARENTLY VIEWED THE
ISRAELI OVERTURE AS AN ATTEMPT TO SPLIT ARAB RANKS, AND
THEY TOLD WEST THEY WEREN'T INTERESTED. CHRISTOPHER

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